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SUBJECT: FRG DRAFT DECLARATION ON MASS MEDIA PRINCIPLES

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1. FRG FONOFF (DEETJEN) HAS PASSED US THE FOLLOWING
DRAFT PREAMBLE TO THE FRG'S ALTERNATE DRAFT RESOLUTION.
HE SAID PREAMBLE HAS ALREADY BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO IG IN
PARIS FOR DISCUSSION.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

DRAFT DECLARATION ON FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES GOVERNING
THE USE OF THE MASS MEDIA IN STRENGTHENING PEACE AND
INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING AND IN COMBATING WAR
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PROPAGANDA, RACISM AND APARTHEID.

PREAMBLE

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS
EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION
MEETING IN NAIROBI AT ITS NINETEENTH SESSION IN 1976,

1. RECALLING THAT BY ITS CONSTITUTION UNESCO IS
CHARGED WITH CONTRIBUTING TO PEACE AND SECURITY BY
PROMOTING COLLABORATION AMONG THE NATIONS THROUGH
EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE, AND THAT, TO REALIZE
THIS PURPOSE, THE ORGANIZATION WILL COLLABORATE IN THE
WORK OF ADVANCING THE MUTUAL KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING
OF PEOPLES THROUGH ALL MEANS OF MASS COMMUNICATION AND
TO THAT END RECOMMEND SUCH INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS AS
MAY BE NECESSARY TO PROMOTE THE FREER AND WIDER
EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BY WORD AND IMAGE ON BOTH A
MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL BASIS,

2. RECALLING THE PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED
NATIONS, AS SPECIFIED IN THE CHARTER,

3. RECALLING ARTICLES 19 AND 26 OF THE UNIVERSAL
DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN 1948, AND ARTICLES
19 AND 20 OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND
POLITICAL RIGHTS, ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
UNITED NATIONS IN 1966,

4. RECALLING RESOLUTION 110 (II) OF THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS ADOPTED IN 1947 CONDEMNING
ALL FORMS OF PROPAGANDA WHICH ARE DESIGNED OR LIKELY TO
PROVOKE OR ENCOURAGE ANY THREAT TO THE PEACE, BREACH OF
PEACE, OR ACT OF AGGRESSION,

5. RECALLING RESOLUTION 9.12 ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL
CONFERENCE AT ITS FIFTEENTH SESSION REITERATING UNESCO'S
OBJECTIVE TO HELP TO ERADICATE COLONIALISM AND
RACIALISM (SIC).

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6. TAKING ACCOUNT OF ARTICLE 4 OF THE INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF RACIAL
DISCRIMINATION, WHEREBY STATES PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION
CONDEMN ALL PROPAGANDA AND ALL ORGANIZATIONS WHICH ARE
BASED ON IDEAS OR THEORIES OF SUPERIORITY OF ONE RACE
OR GROUP OF PERSONS OF ONE COLOUR OR ETHNIC ORIGIN, OR
WHICH ATTEMPT TO JUSTIFY OR PROMOTE RACIAL HATRED AND
DISCRIMINATION IN ANY FORM AND UNDERTAKE TO ADOPT

IMMEDIATE AND POSITIVE MEASURES DESIGNED TO ERADICATE
ALL INCITEMENT TO, OR ACTS OF, SUCH DISCRIMINATION,

7. BEARING IN MIND THE DECLARATION OF THE PRINCIPLES OF
INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL CO-OPERATION, ADOPTED BY THE
GENERAL CONFERENCE OF UNESCO AT ITS FOURTEENTH SESSION,

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8. NOTING WITH SATISFACTION THE POSITIVE RESULTS
ACHIEVED IN THE AREAS OF INTERNATIONAL DETENTE AND THE
PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND, IN PARTICULAR, THE
CONTRIBUTION TO THESE PROCESSES MADE BY THE CONFERENCE
ON SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE,

9. CONSIDERING THAT THE MASS MEDIA CAN EFFECTIVELY

HELP IN COMBATING THE INCITEMENT TO AGGRESSIVE WARS OR
ANY USE OR THREAT OF FORCE INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE AIMS OF
THE UNITED NATIONS, IN THE INTERESTS OF STRENGTHENING
PEACE AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN PEOPLES AND
CONTRIBUTING TO INTERNATIONAL DETENTE AND THE SPIRITUAL
ENRICHMENT OF THE HUMAN PERSONALITY WITHOUT DISTINCTION
AS TO RACE, SEX, LANGUAGE OR RELIGION,

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10. CONSIDERING THAT FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION, INFORMATION AND OPINION ARE FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND THAT THE FREE INTERCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND OPINIONS, BOTH IN THE NATIONAL AND IN THE INTERNATIONAL SPHERES, IS ESSENTIAL TO THE CAUSE OF PEACE AND ACHIEVEMENT OF POLITICAL, SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS,

11. CONSIDERING THE IMPORTANCE OF MASS COMMUNICATION FOR THE SUPPORT OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN PEOPLES AND STATES, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR POLITICAL, ECONOMIC OR SOCIAL SYSTEMS, IN THE SPIRIT OF RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS,

12. CONSIDERING FURTHER THE DESIRABILITY TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE CULTURES OF COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES AND THE DIFFERENCES EXISTING AMONG THOSE CULTURES AS PART OF THE COMMON HERITAGE OF MANKIND,

13. NOTING THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF THE MASS MEDIA WHICH CONSTITUTE ONE OF THE KEY ELEMENTS IN MODERN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS, AND PLAY AN EVER-INCREASING ROLE IN THE INTELLECTUAL LIFE OF SOCIETY AND THE SHAPING OF PUBLIC OPINION,

14. PROCLAIMS ON THIS DAY OF 1976 THIS DECLARATION ON FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES GOVERNING THE ROLE OF THE MASS MEDIA IN STRENGTHENING PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING AND IN COMBATING WAR PROPAGANDA, RACISM AND APARTHEID.

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